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SUMMARY: EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) OF AD-70 MEET JULY 17 FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPRING REPORT 1974 ON THE BASIS OF AC/281-WP(73)4. THE EWG AGREED ON NEED FOR GREATER PARTICIPATION BY DELEGATIONS IN THE CONDUCT OF THE SPRING 1974 REVIEW, AGREED THAT THE QUESTION OF HANDLING OF FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING SHOULD BE TAKEN UP BY THE DRC SUB-GROUP ON DATA REQUIREMENTS, DISCUSSED SEVERAL POINTS OF PROCEDURE, AND AGREED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF SHOULD PREPARE A DRAFT PAPER FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN SEPTEMBER. END SUMMARY.

1. AS FIRST STEP IN FOLLOW-UP OF DPC MINISTERIAL DECISION OF JUNE 7 INVITING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO ARRANGE FOR A FURTHER REVIEW OF FORCE CAPABILITIES AND NATO SUPPORTING PROGRAMS IN THE SPRING OF 1974 (DPC/D(73)13, PARA 3(F)), EWG DISCUSSED AC/281-WP(73)4, AN IS PAPER COVERING THE 1973 REVIEW AND SUGGESTING CHANGES IN PROCEDURE FOR THE 1974 REVIEW.

2. GENERAL COMMENTS WERE MADE BY QUINLAN (UK) AND PRENDERGAST. CONFIDENTIAL

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QUINLAN URGED MORE EXTENSIVE PARTICIPATION BY GROUP MEMBERS IN THE CONDUCT OF THE 1974 REVIEW; PRENDERGAST URGED VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF HOW TO BRING THE MOST IMPORTANT FINDINGS OF THE 1974 REPORT TO THE DIRECT ATTENTION OF MINISTERS IN THE

SPRING OF 1974. BOTH POINTS WERE FULLY SUPPORTED.

3. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAFTING THE SECTIONS OF THE 1974 REPORT DEALING WITH FORCE CAPABILITIES. IN THE 1973 REPORT, MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS HAD SUBMITTED INPUT REPORTS, BUT THE IS HAD HAD TO PREPARE THE DRAFT CHAPTER. GENERAL MILLER (SHAPE), RESPONDING TO AN IS PROPOSAL THAT A WORKING GROUP BE FORMED TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO PRODUCTION OF THE DRAFT CHAPTER ON FORCE CAPABILITIES WITHOUT CALLING FOR MNC INPUT REPORTS, SUGGESTED THAT SHAPE BE CALLED ON TO PREPARE THE DRAFT CHAPTER DEALING WITH ACE FORCE CAPABILITIES. IN LIGHT OF HIS ASSURANCE THAT THE DRAFT WOULD NOT BE PRESENTED BY SHAPE AS A FINAL TEXT, THIS WILL PROBABLY BE THE SOLUTION. SACLANTREP EXPECTS THAT SACLANT WILL AGREE TO THIS PROCEDURE.

4. THERE WAS BROAD AGREEMENT THAT MUCH MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE IN DEVELOPING A USEFUL APPROACH TO PRESENTING THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASES OF DEFENSE PLANNING. THIS QUESTION WILL BE REFERRED TO THE DRC SUB-GROUP ON DATA REQUIREMENTS.

5. GREECE AND ITALY INDICATED A CONTINUING NEED FOR A SEPARATE CHAPTER ON THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE SOUTHERN REGION. PRENDERGAST COMMENTED THAT IF THERE WERE SUCH A CHAPTER, IT WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL MATERIAL. HE WAS SUPPORTED ON THIS BY MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING TURKISH. BAYTOK (TURKEY) STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAD HIGH HOPES FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME FROM THE STUDY OF THE SUB-GROUP ON TURKISH AND GREEK LOCAL FORCES (SEPTEL) AND IF THESE HOPES WERE REALIZED, THE RESULTS COULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE SEPARATE CHAPTER. BUT HIS AUTHORITIES DID NOT WANT A CHAPTER WITHOUT CONTENT. ROSENTHAL (DENMARK) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT INSIST ON A SEPARATE CHAPTER FOR THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE NORTHERN REGION AND HE EXPECTED THAT THIS MIGHT ALSO BE THE NORWEGIAN POSITION (LEINE WAS NOT AT THE MEETING).

6. VAN NEUGEGER (NETHERLANDS) SUPPORTED A SUGGESTION BY
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HUMPHREYS THAT NOT ALL SUPPORTING PROGRAMS NEED BE REVIEWED IN DEPTH EACH YEAR; THERE WAS NO OTHER COMMENT ON THIS POINT.

7. ON THE QUESTION OF PRIORITIES, THE EWG AGREED THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE SHOULD REVIEW PRIORITIES FOR POSSIBLE REVISION.

8. INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL NOW PREPARE A NEW PAPER, PROBABLY IN THE FORM OF A DRAFT REPORT TO THE DPC, FOR CONSIDERATION BY EWG IN SEPTEMBER.
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